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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1895-6

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(Madras)

File No. 216

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SUBJECT.

Passing Orders regarding the re construction of the Sri Harihareswaraswami temple at Srivari.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

LATER REFERENCES.

Memo.

Sri Harihareswara Swami Temple at Sringeri.

The temple is a small stone building situated on a high mud mound adjoining the street leading up to Kigga Road. It has been assigned certain land Inams out of the Matt's Jahagir.

2 In 1895, the Matt began the work of removing the mounds with the double object-

of (1) procuring mud
to fill in the pits and
raise the level of a
site intended for the
construction of a cow
shed and (2) converting
the place into house sites
for the extension of the
town. After the excavation
had been carried out
to some extent, certain
local residents petitioned
Government complaining
against the dismantling
of the Temple by the Matt.
And, on the Deputy
Commissioner also
reporting that the removal
of the mound was too

costly an undertaking
quite disproportionate
to the end in view, the
Government passed an
order no 788 dated 30th
January 1896 recording
their disapproval of the
Matto action and
directing that if the
excavation already
made had endangered
the safety of the Temple,
necessary works should
be carried out to
ensure the stability
of the temple or that if
such works were likely
to prove too costly,
the temple itself should
be dismantled.

3 I inspected the

locality this morning
in company with the
District Mussai Assistant
Commissioner, Mr.
B. Ramaswami Iyengar
The excavation has gone
too near the Temple
to render any steps to
ensure its stability
feasible. The temple
now stands within 10
feet of the precipitous
cutting and the slightest
landslip during the
monsoons is sure to
bring down the temple
bodily.

The Agent of the
Matt proposes to
dismantle the temple
altogether and re construct

it at the base of the
excavation as he had
all along intended to
do. The archak of the
temple also expresses
himself in favor of the
measure as the temple
will then be on a side
of the main street and
save him the trouble
of a daily ascent and
descent up and down
the mud mound. I
think that this is the
best course that may
be adopted at this stage.

5. I also inspected
the site where the Matt
had intended to construct

a cowshed and to
which the mud excavated
out of the mound above
referred to has been
removed. The proposal
to construct a cowshed
on this site has been
since abandoned by the
Matt and it is now
proposed to construct
at the place a Dharmasala
for the accommodation
of travellers. The site
is a very low one and
one half of it has been
raised to the level of
the street and the
other half remains to
be similarly raised

As the nearest place from which the mud required for this purpose may be obtained is the mound above referred to, the Matt may be allow-ed to proceed with the excavation of the latter to the extent necessary to meet its wants in this respect and for other building purposes.

But as regards however the proposal to remove the entire mound in view to convert the place into house sites, I must consider that

any such undertaking
will be too costly
considering the financial
condition of the Matt
and must therefore
be abandoned. The
excavation of the mound
if at all necessary
for the extension of the
town may be left to
private individuals,
who may want mud
for building purposes
of their own.

18th April 1897.

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MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE.

PETITION DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The accompanying Petition No. 752
dated 7 Augt 1895 received at the
Dewan's Office from Jatavallabh
Ramakhatta and others
of Sringeri, Koppa Taluk,
complaining that the
Karbari of the Sringeri
Matt, & certain others are
exx. dismantling Kare
kaveriana temple & omega
a treasure ~~trove~~ trove
is forwarded, ~~together with its~~
~~enclosures~~, to the Dy. Comrs
Kadur District for
disposal

GALORE,

Petn. Branch.

Send to Dy. Comr. for disposal.
Sd. P.R.K.

Drafted
HMR 2/8

Gen. Serial No. 32.]

1895

No. 75 –

Name of Petitioner. Jalavallabha Rama Bhatta

Village. Sunjeru Inspection Subramanya & Hosta. Colleges regarding al-

Taluk. Koppa

District. Kadur

Date of Arzi. 7-8-95

Date of Receipt. 15-8-95

Date of Disposal.

No. of Enclosures. Nil

ABSTRACT.

Complain that a forthnight after the relevin after Swami to Sunjeri. Sri Kanta Castri, the Karbari after Ramaiah and others having taken out the old accounts in the Treasury and going through the same found that four large vessels & coins had been missing in Varahara Swami temple - that they have made arrangements and commenced to remove the small hillock on which the temple is situate with a view to excavate the treasure - and that they have also been advised to offer any human sacrifice to gain their objects & pray that early orders may be issued to the Dy. Comr and the said Castri not to allow in

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 5-9-95

ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 88/ಸಮಾನ್ಯ/231

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

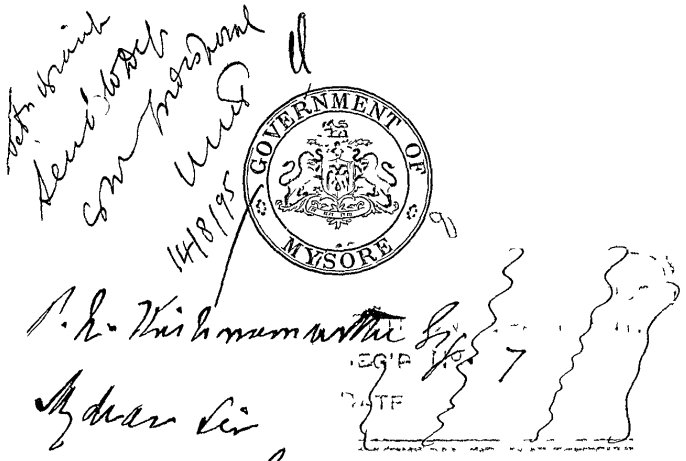
H. Seethakumari
Director

12-9-95

The contents of this report will be communicated to Govt. by letter

13/9/95

13 Sept 95



P. L. Venkatarama Iyer Esq
EG'P No. 7
DATE

My dear Sir

I return the books and
rcd. with your D.O. of the 12th
as proposed. You may send the
Petn. to the Dy. Secy. for
disposal

Yr. Very sincerely
Abdul Rahman

13.8.95

Gen. Serial No. 31J

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Gl. No. 2190
1895
16 SEP 95
DEWAN'S OFFICE

From
The Deputy Commr
Madura District

To
The Revenue Secretary to the
Government of Impore

Dated 13th
Despatched 14th September 95
Received

Enclosures No. 2

General No.
No. 221

Reporting upon the petition
from Jalavallabha Pani
bhatta and others of Sungam
Koppa Taluk, complaining
that the Karbar of the
Sungam matt and certain
others are dismantling
Kanchanesvara temple
to unearth treasure

Sub- & the Rev. Secy

Sub- & the 2d Councillor.

I do not think there
was any necessity
to close the work.
This seems to be
a Mangor matter. It
may be transferred
to the Mangor Dy
after return from
the 2d Councillor. C.
22-9-95.

Yes. Mangalore
Mr Morgan D Pth.
I do not think
we of course acted
ultra vires when
we directed further
work to be stopped.
If mischief
has been done
it could not
have been
undone -
But this is only
an observation
Sprine Mills
30.9.95

The Collector of the
Nilgiris & Asst Collector
Pollachi
Revenue
Board's Proceedings
No. 1883 - 12 95

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Kadur District
Chikmagalur 13th September 1895.

From

The Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

To

The Revenue Secretary to the
Government of Mysore

Sir

With reference to your memo No Pet 414 dated 22nd Ultimo, forwarding for disposal a petition from one Jataval. labba Ramabhatta and others of Sringeri complaining that the Mahant of the Sringeri Matt and certain others are dismantling Harihareshwara Temple to unearth a treasure, I have the honor to state that on receipt of your memo, I directed the Sringeri Amildar to stop all the work connected with this temple pending my personal inspection and in reply to that order the Amildar states that in order to prevent the daily nuisance which is being committed by the matt cattle in front of the matt, the Mahant arranged to have them removed to a place called "Koppalu" in the street named Harihardevara Bidee and to keep them in a 'goshala' cattle

shed, to be built there. The Amildar further states that the "Mopalu" being some what hollow, the contractor was, at the orders of the Karbari who is now absent at Madura, excavating earth in a corner of the hillock on which the temple in question is situated in order to get the hollow filled up to fit it for building purposes, that the place where earth is being dug up is about 13 yards from the said temple which is untouched, that there was no intention whatsoever of digging for treasure, the existence of which is unknown.

2. The petition referred to above is herewith returned together with the Amildar's report no 88 dated 5th Instant in original.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed't Servant

W. L. Parker

Dep't Commr

Madura Dist

To

The Dy. Commr
Kadur Distt.

R.
No. 462 Encl.
Dt/ 14th Octr 95

Sir,

Adverting to your No. 221 dated 13th September 1895 reporting on the petition of one Jattavallabha Rama Bhatt and certain others of Sringéri complaining that the agent of the Sringi Matt is dismantling a temple of Harihareswara to unearth a supposed hidden treasure, I am directed to request that you will be so good as to obtain the agent's explanation in the matter, in case he has returned from Madura, and Submit the Same to Govt.

The same no 503 & 19-10-95
3-12-95

2 I am further to ask

if you have since personally inspected the locality as stated in your order to the Amildar, and if so, to communicate the result of your inspection and enquiry to Government at an early date.

3. Rama Bhatta's petition under advertance is herewith returned for reference and resubmission.

I have &c

Secretary.
Asst

Report
To be sent to Dharwar
for enquiry
[illegible]

Sahib
Fair draft.

(General Serial No. 31.)

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1895.

From The Deputy Commr
Kadur District

To The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Mujrai department

Dated Camp Hosapa 19th October

Despatched 22nd October 1895.

Received 23/10

Enclosures Number.

General No. 5832 1895-96.
No.

With reference to his letter
no 462 of the 14th instant
requesting to submit the
explanation of the Agent
of the Sringeri Matt in re
the petition of Jatavallaba
Bambhatta and others of
Sringeri complaining that
the Agent is dismantling
a temple of Harihareo-
wara to unearth a sup-
posed hidden treasure
and enquiring if the
undersigned has inspect-
ed the locality has the
honor to state that he
will inspect it during
his visit to Sringeri.

Central Jail Press, Bangalore.—19-2-95.—5,002.

From the same no 768 of 3 12-95

early next month and
submit the required report
with the Agent's explanation.

H H Sparks
Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

To the Same No 788 dt 30-1-96

Common Appeal

21/10/95

Yours faithfully,

Date: 21/10/95

Signature

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1895 465

From The Deputy Commissioner Madura District

To The Inspector Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Dated 3 December 95

Despatched 4 December 95

Received 6/12

General No. 768 1895: 96
No.

Enclosure No. one & one petition

Submitting the Sivagiri Math Agents explanation regarding the dismantling of a temple named Harihareswara at Sivagiri to unearth a supposed hidden treasure and communicating the result of the Deputy Commissioners inspection of the locality and enquiries.

To the Same No 788 of 30-1-96

Chikmagalur, 3d December 1895.

From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District

To

The Inam Secretary to the
Government of Mysore.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 462 of 14th October 1895 enclosing Rama Bhatti's petition alleging that the Sringeri Matt Agent was dismantling the Hariharesvara Temple at Sringeri for the purpose of unearthing hidden treasure and asking for the Agent's explanation for the same, I have the honor to enclose the explanation asked for and to state that I inspected the spot on November 19th 1895 when the Amildar informed me that it was intended to remove the small hill entirely and utilise the earth for filling in a pit for the purpose of building a cattle shed on the same in the proximity of the Matt.

2. I found that a large excavation had been made in the hill and that

it had approached so near the small temple on the top of the hill, that it stands in great jeopardy of falling down next monsoon and must of necessity now be dismantled. The temple is a small one built entirely of stone slabs and is in good repair

3. The work proposed to be done, viz the removal of this hill will be a tremendous undertaking, and probably cost a very large amount, and I do not think the end would justify the means. If more work is to be done, I would propose the terracing of this hill in sufficiently large steps to allow of buildings being erected. The excavation as it stands at present will serve no purpose. From the observations I made it did not appear to me that treasure had been sought for.

4. Pending further orders on the subject, I have directed the Amildar to stop all work.

5. Rama Bhatt's petition above referred to is herewith resubmitted with the Agents' explanation.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant,

H H Parker
Deputy Commissioner
Kaira District

Encl

1895-96

Read: —

Petition No 752 Dt 7th August 1895, from one Jata-vallabha Ramabhatta and certain others of Sringeri, Koppa Taluk complaining of the action of the agent of the Sri Sringeri Matt in trying to ~~dismantling~~ dismantle the temple of Hariharesvara on a hill in the proximity of the Matt.

And

Letters No 221 Dt 13th Sept. 1895, and 768 Dt 3d Dec. 1895, from the Dy Comr, Kadur Distt reporting on the above

—•—

No 788 Dt 30.1.96

Order thereon

From the letters read above it would appear that a large excavation has been made by the Matt in the hill on which the temple referred to by the petitioners stands, for the

purpose of utilizing the ~~soil~~ ~~spoil~~ Spoil to fill in the pits and raise the level of a Site intended for the construction of a permanent shed for the Mutt cattle, and that the excavation having been taken up to so near the temple on the hill as to endanger its stability, the Dy Com^r has ordered all further work to be stopped pending orders of Govt in the matter. The Dy Com^r adds that the removal of the hill is a very costly undertaking quite disproportionate to the end in view, and that the ~~one~~ excavation as it now stands will serve no purpose; he therefore proposes the terracing of the hill in sufficiently large steps to allow of

buildings being constructed thereon

2. The Govt. regret that such a large and apparently useless excavation as the one referred to above, has been made by the Matt. If in the Dy Com's opinion it endangers the temple on the top of the hill, he will at once, cause the necessary works done to ensure the stability of the temple, or if such works are likely to prove too costly, to have the temple dismantled.

3 The terracing of the hill proposed by the Dy Com may be carried out if the matt wishes to do any more work @ the hill

Jan Draft
Mar.

Imz: Secretary

To The Dy Com Kadur Distt

1897 /021

From

The Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

To

The Secretary to the Govt
of Mysore, Imz: Deptt

Dated Camp Balgadi 11th Apl

Despatched

Received

General No. A } 1896-97
No.

Enclosure No. One file

Proceedings of Govt No: 788 dated 30th January 1896 — regarding the dismantling of the Temple of Karibareswara Swamy on a hill in the proximity of the mutt at Sringeri.

With reference to the above has the honor to submit herewith Vernacular papers ending with Sringeri Amildar's report No: 121 dated 5th December last enclosing a Yadi of 3.10.96 from the mutt Agent, for such orders as the Govt may deem fit.

For Deputy Commissioner
Kadur Dist

A
12-Le 97

Imz
Have This
at Mysore
A

To the Same No 17 of 17.12.97

Read the following papers regarding the Sri Harihareswara Swami temple at Sringeri ~~in~~ Kadur Dt:—

(1) Govt. Ro: No. 788 dt 30th January 1896.

(2) Docket No. A dt 11th April 1897 from the Dy Commr. Kadur District

and (3) the following Note of the Nuzrai Superintendent dt 18th April 1897:—

× In Extenso ×

Order thereon.

No. 719 dt 17-12-97 Recorded.

2. The temple may

be re-built as proposed
by ~~the~~ Mutt: agent
~~b. Para 1 of the Note~~
~~as~~ above. The Matt
may slope down the
precipitous cut face
of the mound and utilize
the earth for the proposed
Site
Dharmasala ~~Sight~~

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Muz: Secretary

To
The Dy Comm:r
Kadur District
Returning Vern: PP

Proceedings of the Government of Mysore, Muzrai, dated 17th December 1897.

READ :—

The following papers regarding the Sri Hatihareswaraswami temple at Sringeri, Kadur district :—

1. Government Proceedings No. 788, dated 30th January 1896.
2. Docket No. A, dated 11th April 1897, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur district. And
3. The following Note of the Muzrai Superintendent, dated 18th April 1897 :—

The temple is a small stone building on a high mud mound adjoining the street leading up to Kigga road. It has been assigned certain land inams out of the Matt's Jahgir.

2. In 1895, the matt began the work of removing the mound with the double object of (1) procuring mud to fill in the pits and raise the level of a site intended for the construction of a cow shed and (2) converting the place into house sites for the extension of the town. After the excavation had been carried out to some extent, certain local residents petitioned Government complaining against the dismantling of the temple by the matt. And, on the Deputy Commissioner also reporting that the removal of the mound was too costly an undertaking quite disproportionate to the end in view, the Government passed an Order No. 788, dated 30th January 1896, recording their disapproval of the Matt's action and directing that if the excavation already made had endangered the safety of the temple, necessary works should be carried out to ensure the stability of the temple, or, that if such works were likely to prove too costly, the temple itself should be dismantled.

3. I inspected the locality this morning in company with the District Muzrai Assistant Commissioner, Mr. B. Ramaswami Iyengar. The excavation has gone too near the temple to render any steps to ensure its stability feasible. The temple now stands within ten feet of the precipitous cutting and the slightest landslip during the monsoons is sure to bring down the temple bodily.

4. The Agent of the Matt proposes to dismantle the temple altogether and re-construct it at the base of the excavation as he had all along intended to do The archak of the temple also expresses himself in favor of the measure as the temple will then be on a side of the main street and save him the trouble of a daily ascent and descent up and down the mud mound. I think that this is the best course that may be adopted at this stage.

5. I also inspected the site where the Matt had intended to construct a cow shed and to which the mud excavated out of the mound above referred to has been removed. The proposal to construct a cow shed on this site has been since abandoned by the Matt and it is now proposed to construct at the place a Dharmasala for the accommodation of travellers. The site is a very low one and one-half of it has been raised to the level of the street and the other half remains to be similarly raised. As the nearest place from which the mud required for this purpose may be obtained is the mound above referred to, the Matt may be allowed to proceed with the excavation of the latter to the extent necessary to meet its wants in this respect and for other building purposes.

6. But as regards, however, the proposal to remove the entire mound in view to convert the place into house sites, I must consider that any such undertaking will be too costly, considering the financial condition of the Matt and must therefore be abandoned. The excavation of the mound, if at all necessary for the extension of the town, may be left to private individuals, who may want mud for building purposes of their own.

No. 719, DATED BANGALORE, 17TH DECEMBER 1897.

ORDER THEREON :—Recorded.

2. The temple may be re-built as proposed by the Matt's Agent. The Matt may slope down the precipitous cut face of the mound and utilize the earth for the proposed Dharmasala site.

Asst Secretary.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, returning vernacular papers.

EXD.—H.A.B.

1897-98

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 17th December 1897.

No. 719

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